

## Collaborative Manual Writing

The Education Committee has been responsible for the development of AVP manuals since 1976. With more than half of facilitators in the United States inside prisons, the committee wants to involve all interested facilitators. The committee has set up a team to liaison with inside facilitators to solicit new exercises, agendas and special workshop topics. The team is also interested in revisions to existing material. Our initial focus is for a new Advanced Manual. The team desires feedback on how exercises, agendas or special purpose workshops work (or not) in order to share this information with the AVP community and for future editions of manuals.

The major challenge is communication with inside facilitators. The Transformer can serve this function. The Education Committee plans to produce a section in each issue of the Transformer for this purpose. Outside facilitators are asked to support the initiative by collecting draft manual material and taking it in for testing and revision by inside facilitators and bring out the results.

Contributions and feedback can be sent in two ways: Mail the material to the Education Committee c/o AVP-USA Distribution Center, 1005 Selby Ave, St. Paul, MN 55104 (the material will be scanned and emailed to the Education Committee) or email material directly to [education@avpusa.org](mailto:education@avpusa.org).

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